

BY COUNCIL MEMBER GABRIELA SANTIAGO-ROMERO

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 13- 22, 2024, AS
WELCOMING WEEK**

WHEREAS, Detroit is home to 41,000 residents born in another country and 19,000 children who have one or more immigrant parent, adding to the city's beloved community of longtime residents of many different racial and ethnic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, The Detroit immigrant community is diverse, including substantial Latinx, Arabic, Caribbean, African, Asian and migrant communities; and

WHEREAS, Our city's success depends on ensuring that all residents feel a sense of belonging in their neighborhoods and workplaces, and new residents are a vital part of our community — bringing skills, experience, and contributing to the vibrant diversity we all value; and

WHEREAS, Detroit is a Certified Welcoming City and established an Office of Immigrant Affairs because it values its vast multicultural population and promotes public safety, health, education, transportation, access, education, and economic opportunities for all Detroiters; and

WHEREAS, Welcoming Week is an annual celebration to honor the spirit of unity that brings neighbors together across Detroit, where Detroiters are invited to renew their commitment to core American values and take action building community; and

WHEREAS, Regardless of where we are born, Detroiters are united in our efforts to build a stronger city, and by recognizing the contributions that we all make to create a vibrant culture and growing economy, we make our community more inclusive to all who call Detroit home; and

WHEREAS, We come together to build communities where every resident has the opportunity to contribute their best and reaffirm that Detroit still stands as a beacon of freedom and opportunity. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, That the Detroit City Council recognizes September 13-22, 2024, as Welcoming Week in Detroit. **NOW, BE IT FINALLY**

RESOLVED, That the Detroit City Clerk's Office provide a copy of this resolution to Governor Gretchen Whitmer and the Detroit delegations of the Michigan State House and Senate.